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| <b>REPLY/AMENDMENT<br/>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> |          | Attorney Docket No.  | 1075.1112            |  |
|  |          | Application Number   | 09/268,999           |  |
|  |          | Filing Date          | March 16, 1999       |  |
|  |          | First Named Inventor | Yuichi ARITA, et al. |  |
|  |          | Group Art Unit       | 2123                 |  |
| AMOUNT ENCLOSED                            | \$450.00 | Examiner Name        | K. Thangavelu        |  |

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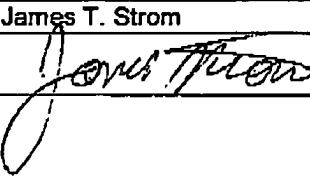
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Yuichi ARITA, et al.

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Filed: March 16, 1999

Examiner: K. Thangavelu

For: SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 15, 2004. A Petition for a Second Month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed thereby extending the response due date to December 15, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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